oils etc. are mainly attributed to gap in demand and supply, near stagnancy in production, hike in minimum support/ procurement prices of agriculture commodities. The supply of most of the above commodities is very comfortable during Jan.—March, every year due to flush supply of Kharif Crop like Masoor, Arhar, Rice, Maize, Sugarcane and Groundnut Oil etc. but the same gets reduced with the onset of lean supply season from April onward till the end of October every year.

(d) With a view to keeping the prices of essential commodities under check, the Public Distribution System is being strengthened to provide foodgrains at cheaper rates to the poor strata of the society. Besides, stringent actions are being taken against the speculators, hoarders and traders indulging in unfair trade practices. The essential commodities are also being supplied through Co-operative Stores, Mobile stores, Kendriya Bhandars etc. at reasonable prices. Essential commodities like pulses and edible oils are being imported in desired quantities to augment their supplies in the domestic market. The efficacy of these measures can not be judged in short period. They have longer perspective and hence the price rise during the entire year will be a better parameter. Since the controlling of price is the ongoing process of the Government policy, temporary variations in prices are inescapable.

सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों का कार्यान्वयन

2817. **श्री नागमणि:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत उपक्रमों में मंडल आयोग की सिफारिश के अनुसार आरक्षण संबंधी उपबंध को कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने स्थिति की समीक्षा की है और इस पर कोई कार्रवाई की है; और

(ग) आरक्षण व्यवस्था का अनुपालन करने वाले और न करने वाले उपक्रमों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Mis-utilisation of grants/loans in KVIC

2818. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Corporation has sufficient controls to ensure that large grants, loans etc. are not mis-utilised;

(b) if so, details of such procedures available to control fraud;

(c) whether it is a fact that complaints have been made by some employees of fraud in some districts of Andhra Pradesh under the jurisdiction of Visakhapatnam Office;

(d) if so, whether any vigilance enquiry has been initiated; and

(e) number of arrests effected on such complaints of fraud in 1994-95 and 1995-96, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to ensure that the funds disbursed to various KVIBs and KVIC's recognised institutions are not mis-utilised, KVIC has posted Audit and Inspection teams and technical staff at its State and regional Offices for conducting Audit/Technical inspections, financial propriety and certification audit of the implementing Agencies.

(c) Yes, Sir. Certain complaints on procedural irregularities allegedly committed by the regional office, KVIC, Visakhapatnam have been received.